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SERVICE PROVIDING APPARATUS AND
METHOD THAT ALLOW AN APPARATUS
TO ACCESS UNIQUE INFORMATION
STORED IN TRANSPORTABLE
RECORDING MEDIUM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement contained in item 2 on page 2 of the Office Action, the Applicants hereby elect **Invention I**, which is drawn to a method and system using usage protection of recorded content based on unique information attached to the content.

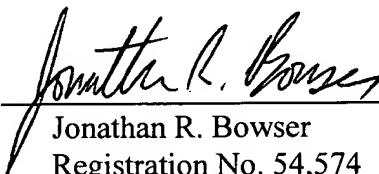
Claims 1-20 read on the elected invention.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected invention is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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